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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Bertrand THISSELIN

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EXAMINER:

FOR: SYSTEM FOR SUPPLYING AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
A TANK COMPRISED IN THE SYSTEM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	2002/117206	08/29/02	BENJEY et al.			
	AB	5 443 098	08/22/95	KERTESZ			
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	AO	195 35 413	10/02/96	DE		NO
	AP	2 030 669	04/10/80	GB		NO
	AQ	1 415 842	05/06/04	EP		NO
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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### STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AA - AB & AO - AQ have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References            have been cited in the corresponding            Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References            are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 4) References            are additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

### **AO: DE 195 35 413**

Connection is made to an opening (12) of a vessel (4) predominantly of HDPE by a tube-like nozzle (1, 2, 3) in which a first thermoplastic part (1) is attached to a second thermoplastic part (2), which is injection moulded on to it, with a third part (3) which is positioned coaxially between the second part and the rim of the opening and is joined to the second part and to the vessel by a material connection. The first part and the third part are joined by an interlocking connection. Pref. second and third parts have an interlocking joint. Third part is pref. welded to the vessel and second part is injection moulded on to the third part. Pref. second part is of HDPE grafted with maleic acid anhydride and third part is mainly of HDPE. First part is of one of the materials: polyamide, polyester, polyacetal, polyolefin, aliphatic polyketone, polyphenylene sulphide or fluorothermoplastic.